## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

TO: THE HONORABLE ROBERT PITMAN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The Magistrate Judge submits this Report and Recommendation to the District Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3). The District Court referred this case to the United States Magistrate Judge for the taking of the defendant's felony guilty plea and for his allocution pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11.

On December 4, 2019, the defendant and counsel appeared before the Magistrate Judge. The undersigned addressed the defendant personally in open court, informed him of the admonishments under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and determined that he understood those admonishments. Pursuant to a plea agreement, the defendant pled guilty to one count of bulk cash smuggling into or out of the United States in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5332.

The Magistrate Judge finds the following:

- 1. The defendant, with the advice of his attorney, consented to enter this guilty plea before the Magistrate Judge, subject to final approval and sentencing by the District Judge;
- 2. The defendant fully understands the nature of the charge against him and possible penalties;
- 3. The defendant understands his constitutional and statutory rights, understands that his constitutional and statutory rights can be waived, and understands the meaning and effect of the waiver of his constitutional and statutory rights;
- 4. The defendant's plea was made freely and voluntarily;

5. The defendant is competent to enter this plea of guilty; and

6. There is a factual basis for this plea.

**RECOMMENDATION** 

The Magistrate Judge **RECOMMENDS** that the District Court accept the defendant's guilty

plea and, after reviewing the presentence investigation report, enter a Final Judgment of guilt

against him.

**WARNING** 

The parties may file objections to this Report and Recommendation. A party filing objections

must specifically identify those findings or recommendations to which objections are being made.

The District Court need not consider frivolous, conclusive, or general objections. See Battle v.

United States Parole Comm'n, 834 F.2d 419, 421 (5th Cir. 1987). A party's failure to file written

objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained within this Report within

fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy of the Report shall bar that party from de novo

review by the District Court of the proposed findings and recommendations and, except upon

grounds of plain error, shall bar the party from appellate review of proposed factual findings and

legal conclusions accepted by the District Court to which no objections were filed. See 28 U.S.C.

§ 636(b)(1)(C); Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 150-53, 106 S. Ct. 466, 472-74 (1985); Douglass v.

*United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc).

**SIGNED** December 4, 2019.

SUSAN HIGHTOWER

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE